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NOTE BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

1. Further to the notes by the President of the Security Council dated 30 June 1993 (S/26015), 27 July 1993 (S/26176), 31 August 1993 (S/26389), 29 November 1993 (S/26812), 28 February 1994 (S/1994/230), 23 March 1994 (S/1994/329), 28 July 1994 (S/1994/896), 29 March 1995 (S/1995/234), 31 May 1995 (S/1995/438), 31 May 1995 (S/1995/440), 24 January 1996 (S/1996/54), 24 January 1996 (S/1996/55), 30 July 1996 (S/1996/603) and 29 August 1996 (S/1996/704) concerning the Council's documentation and other procedural questions, the President of the Council wishes to state that all members of the Council have indicated their agreement with the following.

2. The members of the Security Council have reviewed the format of the annual report of the Council to the General Assembly, which is submitted by the Council in accordance with Article 24, paragraph 3, of the Charter of the United Nations. While the report covering the period from 16 June 1996 to 15 June 1997 will have to be in the same format as for the recently preceding years, the report of the Council for future years will be changed, taking into account views expressed on the existing format.

3. The Security Council will take the necessary action to ensure the timely submission of its report to the General Assembly. For that purpose:

(a) The Council should retain the existing practice whereby the annual report is submitted to the General Assembly in a single volume covering the period from 16 June of one year to 15 June of the next year;

(b) The Secretariat should submit the draft report to the members of the Council no later than 30 August immediately following the period covered by the report, so that the report may be adopted by the Council in time for consideration by the General Assembly during the main part of its regular session and where possible before the beginning of the general debate of the Assembly.

4. The report of the Security Council will include the following sections:

(a) In relation to each subject dealt with by the Council:

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(i) As background, a descriptive list of the decisions, resolutions and presidential statements of the Council for the one-year period preceding the period covered by the report;

(ii) For the period covered by the report, a description in chronological order of the consideration by the Council of the matter in question and of actions taken by the Council on that item, including descriptions of the decisions, resolutions and presidential statements, and a list of communications received by the Council and reports of the Secretary-General;

(iii) Factual data, including dates of formal meetings and informal consultations at which a subject was discussed;

(b) Information regarding the work of the subsidiary organs of the Council, including the sanctions committees;

(c) Information regarding the documentation and working methods and procedures of the Council;

(d) Matters brought to the attention of the Council but not discussed by it during the period covered;

(e) Appendices as in the present report, but also:

(i) The full text of all resolutions, decisions and presidential statements adopted or voted upon by the Council during the year in question;

(ii) Information about meetings with troop-contributing countries.

5. There will also be attached, as an addendum to the report, brief assessments on the work of the Security Council, which representatives who have completed their functions as President of the Security Council may wish to prepare, under their own responsibility and following consultations with members of the Council for the month during which they presided and which should not be considered as representing the views of the Council.

The following disclaimer will appear at the beginning of the addendum containing the above-mentioned assessments:

> The attachment of the assessments of former Presidents on the work of the Security Council as an addendum to the report is intended to have an informative purpose and should not necessarily be considered as representing the views of the Security Council.

6. The members of the Security Council will continue to consider and to review ways to improve the Council's documentation and procedure, including the provision of special reports as referred to in Article 24, paragraph 3, of the Charter of the United Nations.